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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **FLAG DAY: WWII VETERAN AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM VETERAN RAISE FLAG ON USS WISCONSIN**

**Norfolk, VA (CNRMA), June 13, 2005**– The American Flag turns 228 years old Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Hampton Roads Naval Museum will mark the occasion with Flag Day activities onboard the Navy's Iowa-class battleship, USS WISCONSIN (BB 64).

Lance Corporal Michael Rodriguez, a Marine who was wounded in the first attack on Fallujah and Lieutenant Seth Wilson (USN, Ret.) a World War II veteran, museum volunteer and WISCONSIN alum, will do the honor of raising the flag at 8:00 am to begin the celebrations.

Also during the day, children visiting the USS WISCONSIN on Flag Day will be participating in a flag-designing contest sponsored by the museum.

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## WISKY FLAG DAY

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Children will be asked to design a new flag based on their knowledge of patriotism and the flag's history. Volunteers from the museum will be on-hand to assist children in learning about Old Glory's history and our patriotic heroes of the past. All participating children will receive a gift. The winning contestants will win a flag flown from the Battleship WISCONSIN and their entries will be posted on the museum's web page. No registration is necessary and the contest is free. Winners will be announced Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Admission to the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, including its largest artifact, USS WISCONSIN, is always free.

For more information on the museum visit the web site: [www.hrnmm.navy.mil](http://www.hrnmm.navy.mil).

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**MEDIA NOTE:** Media desiring to cover the event may contact Mr. Odean VantHul (322-2992) or Jim Moir (438-4014) no later than 7:30 a.m., Tuesday June 14, and arrive at the battleship no later than 7:45 a.m. **A CRUSIE SHIP WILL BE MOORED AT THE INTERNATIONAL PIER ADJACENT TO THE BATTLESHIP DURING THE EVENT SO PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR PARKING AND ARRIVING AT THE SHIP. THE FLAG WILL BE RAISED PROMPTLY AT 8 A.M.**